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ONE WINTER AFTERNOON, THE COLLECTOR PASSED A QUAINT OLD BOOKSHOP AND DROPPED IN...

AS FORDE THUMBED THROUGH THE MUSTY OLD VOLUMES, HE NOTICED A STRANGE, ECCENTRIC MAN FIDGETING NERVOUSLY OVER THE NEARBY SHELVES...

FORDE CAME ACROSS AN ANCIENT TOME ON REVIVING THE DEAD. AS HE SPOKE TO THE PROPRIETOR ABOUT IT...

THE OLD MAN FOLLOWED FORDE FROM THE SHOP...

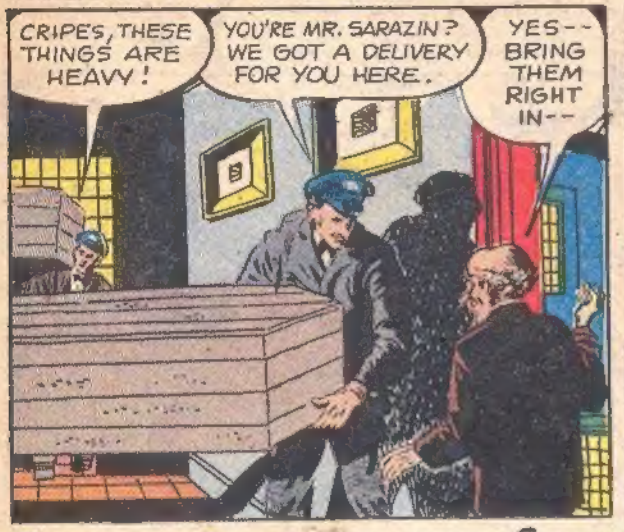
FORDE IS PESTERED ALL THE WAY TO THE DOOR OF HIS HOME...

LEFT ALONE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING, THE OLD MAN NOTICED A SIGN OUTSIDE...

IN HIS COMFORTABLE QUARTERS, FORDE INSPECTED HIS ACQUISITION MORE CLOSELY...

NEXT DAY, FORDE SEES A NEW TENANT MOVING IN...

A FEW DAYS LATER THE NEW OCCUPANT RECEIVED TWO LARGE COFFIN-SHAPED BOXES...



BUT FORDE COULD NOT AVOID SARAZIN, WHO FORCED HIMSELF UPON THE COLLECTOR...

THEN, LATE ONE NIGHT, HE SUDDENLY AWOKE IN TIME TO SCARE OFF A STEALTHY NOCTURNAL INTRUDER...

SOON AFTER THAT, A NEW TENANT MOVED INTO THE BUILDING - A LOVELY, EXOTIC GIRL NAMED **SANDRA**...

FORDE FORGOT HIS RARE BOOK AND THE ANNOYING OLD MAN AS HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH SANDRA RIPENED, SHE WOULD INVITE HIM INTO HER STUDIO FOR DINNER...

THEN, UPON RETURNING TO HIS OWN ROOMS, HE DISCOVERED HE WAS ROBBED...

HE BEAT ON SARAZIN'S DOOR BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER ALTHOUGH HE HEARD THE OLD MAN MOVING AROUND INSIDE...

FORDE REMEMBERED AN AIRSHAFT BETWEEN THE TWO APARTMENTS AND WITH A WIDE BOARD HE GAINED ACCESS TO SARAZIN'S ROOMS...

IF THAT OLD FOOL HAS MY BOOK! I'LL FIX HIM--!!

BUT WHEN HE QUIETLY ENTERS, FORDE WAS AGHAST TO FIND SARAZIN STANDING IN A CIRCLE OF SWASTIKAS, PENTAGRAMS, ETC. AND READING FROM THE BOOK IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE. HE WAS USING THE INCANTATION IN AN EFFORT TO ANIMATE TWO MUMMIES REPOSING IN THE LONG BOXES...

ABBA-BAHU-RAMOZIN-TOH! AEE-SPEPTOGOTH-AEE!

SARAZIN THEN RUBBED ONE OF THE MUMMIES WITH AN OINTMENT... AND IT STARTED TO MOVE!..

IT'S WORKING! MY MAGIC WILL BRING THEM TO LIFE!

FORDE, STARTLED BY THE TERRIFYING DOINGS BEFORE HIS EYES, REVEALED HIS PRESENCE...

IT'S HORRIBLE! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO DO THAT!

SO IT'S YOU! HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?

NEVER MIND HOW I GOT IN. GIVE ME THAT BOOK. YOU HAVE CAUSED ENOUGH TROUBLE ALREADY.

YOU CAN'T HAVE IT. YOU WILL NEVER GET THE BOOK BACK.

FORDE LEAPED UPON SARAZIN -- THEN THE OLD MAN CALLED TO THE MUMMY...

ANTKARMEN!!

QUAKING WITH FEAR AT THE APPARITION, FORDE RELEASED SARAZIN AND FLED TO HIS OWN ROOMS WITHOUT THE BOOK...

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I JUST SAW... IT'S FANTASTIC! IT CAN'T BE TRUE. I MUST BE DREAMING THINGS... I MUST PULL MYSELF TOGETHER--

FORDE WAS POURING HIMSELF A DRINK TO STEADY HIS NERVES WHEN HE HEARD SOUNDS OF PEOPLE IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE...

FROM HIS WINDOW HE SAW SARAZIN EMERGE, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO TALL AWKWARD FIGURES IN ILL-FITTING CLOTHES...

NEXT DAY, HE FOUND THAT SANDRA HAD VANISHED TOO...

WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS A WAVE OF VIOLENCE BURST UPON THE CITY. A NEW TYPE OF CRIMINAL WAS AT LARGE--TALL, CADAVEROUS GUNMEN WHO SHOWED NO EMOTION AND WHO SEEMED POSSESSED OF SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH...

THE WHOLE CITY WAS MYSTIFIED AND STRICKEN WITH TERROR...

ANOTHER BOLD DAYLIGHT ROBBERY LEFT THE POLICE COMPLETELY PUZZLED...

BART FORDE HAD TO ADMIT TO HIMSELF THAT HIS SUSPICIONS WERE RIGHT FROM THE START...

NEXT, A GREAT MUSEUM WAS BROKEN INTO, AND ONLY ONE THING WAS TAKEN ... ANOTHER MUMMY! ...

THREE OF OUR GUARDS KNOCKED OUT AND THE CROOKS COULD HAVE TAKEN THOUSANDS IN JEWELS. BUT NO! ALL THEY GRABBED WAS THAT SHRIVELED RELIC OF THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO!

IT SURE STUMPS ME.

FORDE FELT CALLED UPON TO ACT...

IT'S OBVIOUS SARAZIN IS BUILDING UP HIS UNCANNY FORCES. NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE THE REAL FANTASTIC STORY, SO I MUST GO AFTER HIM ALONE. I MUST DESTROY SARAZIN, HIS TERRIBLE SERVANTS -- AND THAT BOOK!!

KNOWING THAT THE OLD MAN'S ORIGINAL ADDRESS WOULD BE ON FILE IN THE BOOKSHOPS, FORDE EASILY OBTAINED IT...

YES, I REMEMBER THAT OLD FELLOW -- QUEER CHARACTER. HERE IS THE ADDRESS HE LEFT WITH US MONTHS AGO.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

HIS DESTINATION PROVED TO BE A FORBIDDING-LOOKING HOUSE IN A RUNDOWN SECTION...

THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY STILL HIS HEADQUARTERS. NOW IT'S A MATTER OF GETTING AT HIM AND HIS UNHOLY CREW.

THOSE MUMMIES OF HIS ARE IMMUNE TO ORDINARY METHODS. THEY'RE NOT REALLY ALIVE, SO THEY CANNOT BE KILLED. I'LL HAVE TO BLOW THEM APART.

CALLING ON A CLOSE FRIEND, A KOREAN VETERAN, FORDE SOUGHT SOME WEAPONS...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT WITH TWO POWERFUL HAND GRENADES, BART. BUT I KNOW YOU'RE A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN. SO I GUESS I CAN GET HOLD OF THEM FOR YOU.

THANKS, BOB. I ASSURE YOU THAT IT'S IN A GOOD CAUSE.

SHADOWING SARAZIN'S HOUSE WITH THE TWO GRENADES IN HIS POCKETS, BART FORDE SEES THE EVIL NECROMANCER LEAVE WITH ONE MAN OF HIS RETINUE OF THE UNDEAD...

THERE HE GOES WITH ONE OF THEM. THERE MUST BE TWO LEFT IN THE HOUSE.

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FORDE STEALTHILY CLIMBED TO A SECOND STOREY WINDOW...

I'LL BE WAITING FOR SARAZIN WHEN HE GETS BACK. HE HAS A LOT TO ANSWER FOR--

ONCE INSIDE, FORDE WAS NOT SURPRISED WHEN HE CAME FACE TO FACE WITH SANDRA...

YOU! I ALWAYS SUSPECTED YOU WERE UNDER THE DOMINATION OF THAT EVIL MAN.

YES, BUT I CANNOT HELP IT. YOU MUST GET OUT OF HERE, QUICK!

DESPITE HER PROTESTS, FORDE LOOKED AROUND AND SAW TWO MUMMIES...

THERE THEY ARE--ONE OF THE FIRST TWO AND THE ONE HE STOLE FROM THE MUSEUM. I'LL DESTROY THEM RIGHT NOW!

PLEASE-GO! YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER!

BUT AS HE PREPARED TO HACK THE DRY BONES TO PIECES, HE HEARD A SOUND...

HE'LL NEVER PUT THEM TOGETHER AGAIN. UH-- WHAT'S THAT?

SLAM

SARAZIN IS COMING BACK! YOU MUST HIDE!

FORDE DUCKED INTO A CLOSET WHILE SARAZIN RETURNED THE MUMMIES TO THEIR CASES...

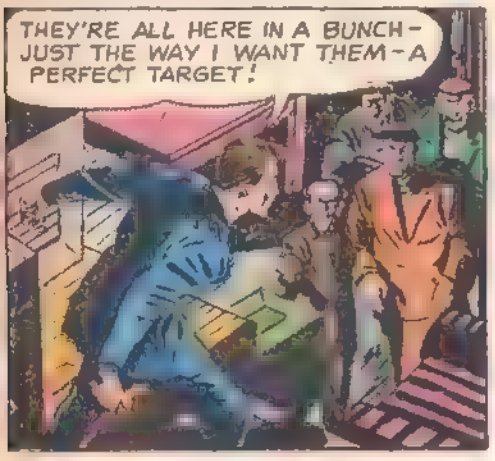
NOW I'LL PUT MY BOYS AWAY UNTIL I PLAN ANOTHER JOB FOR THEM TO DO.

KA-CHOO!

HUH! WHO'S THERE?

SO IT'S YOU, FORDE! WELL, YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE HERE TO TELL ON ME. ANTKARMEN -RABU-TOTH-- RISE!!

As the re-animated creatures started for him at Sarazin's command, Forde retreated, drawing the two grenades from his pockets and pulling the pins...



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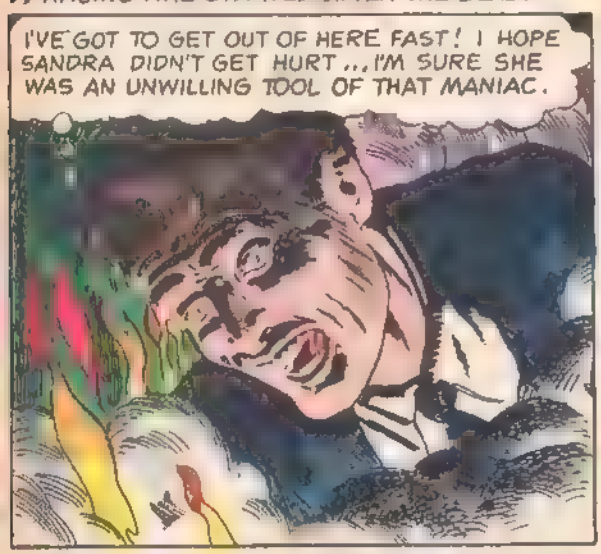

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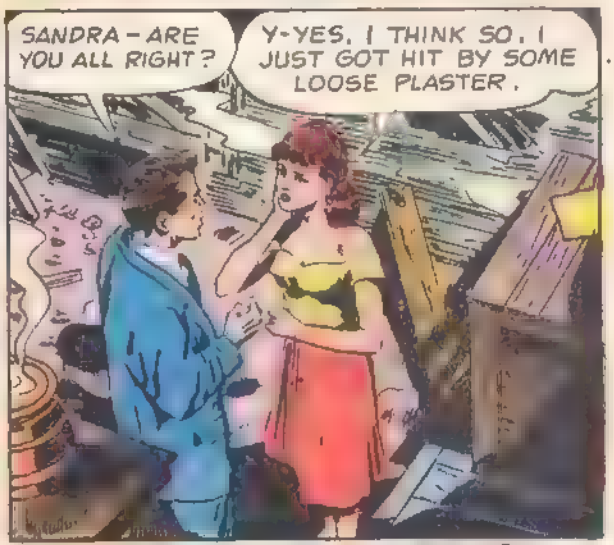

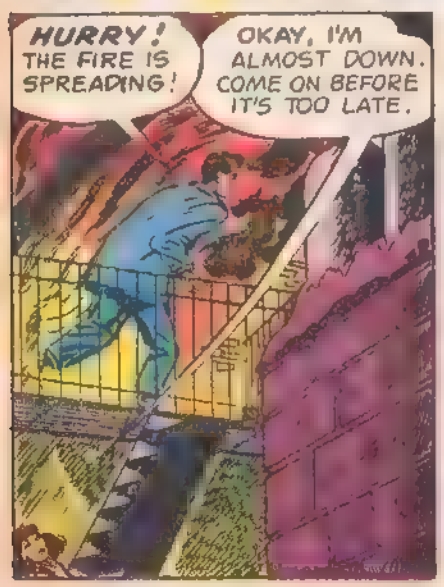

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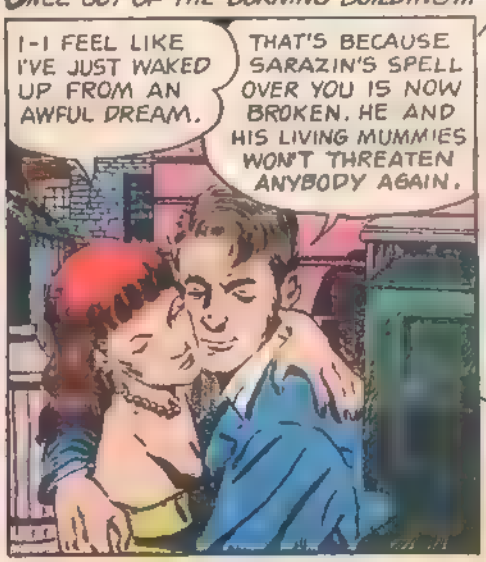

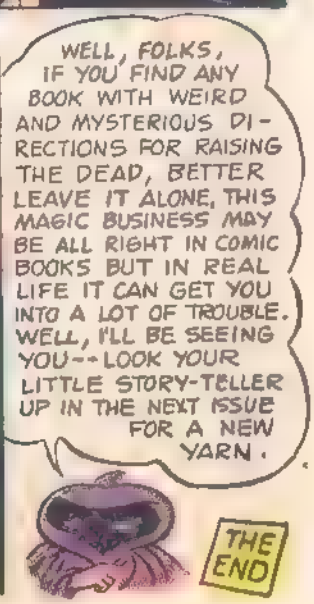

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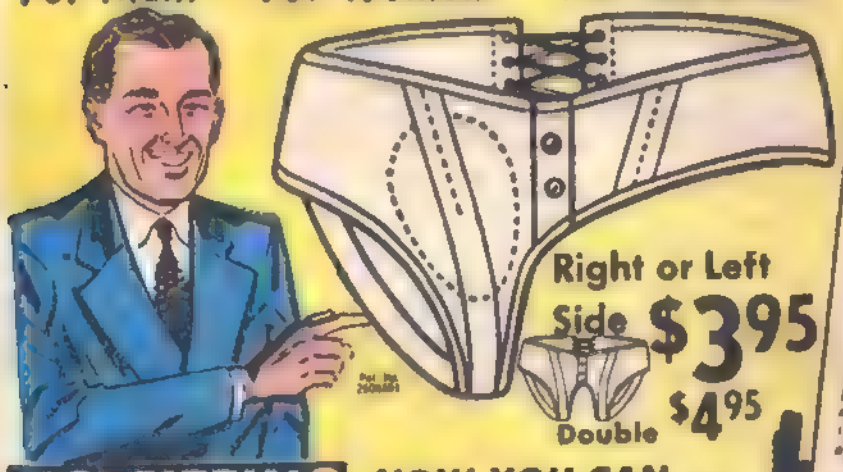

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DARK DANCER

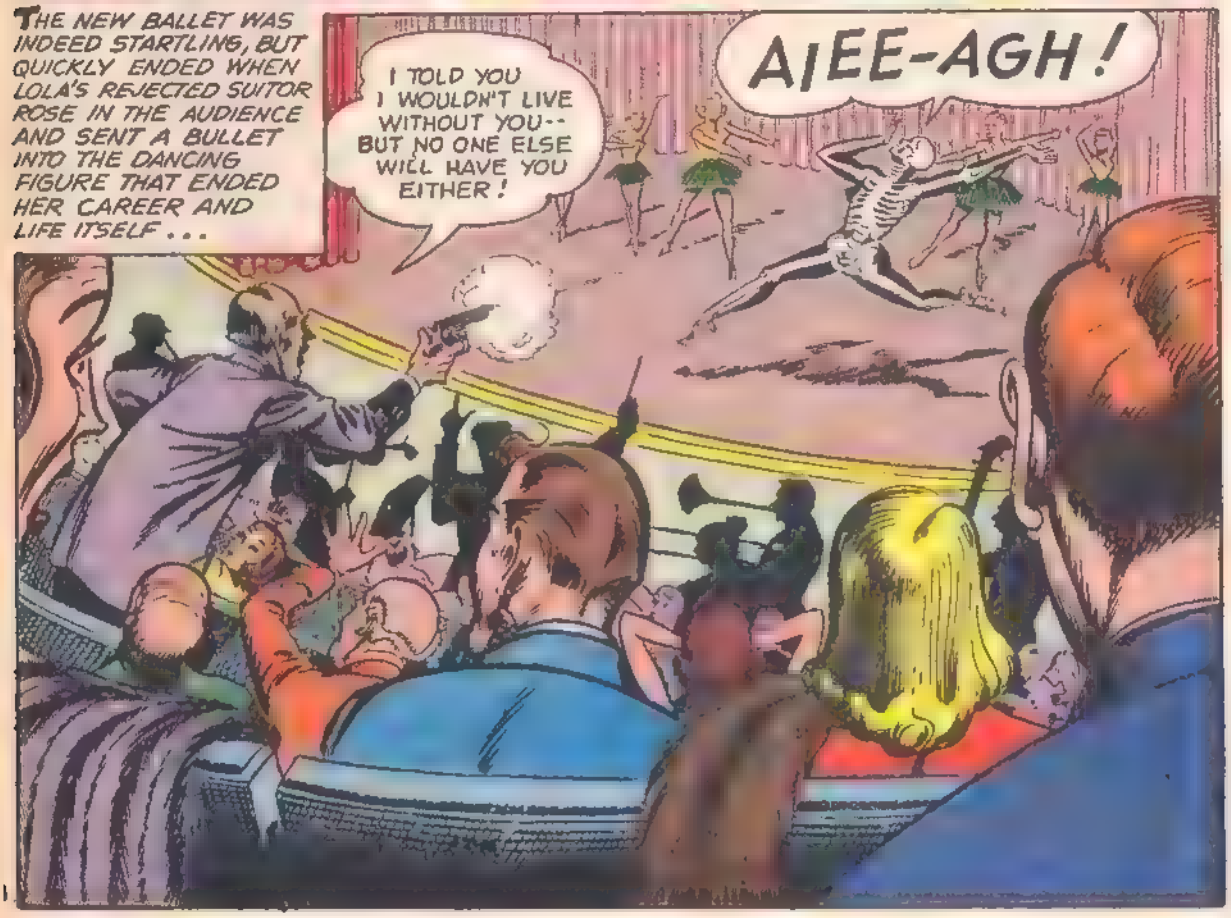
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, THE TOAST OF THE TOWN WAS **LOLA CORRELL**, THE BALLET DANCER WHOSE BEAUTY, GRACE AND CHARM ATTRACTED ADMIRERS BY THE SCORE. LIFE HELD EVERYTHING IN STORE FOR HER AND NOBODY DREAMED THAT HER SHORT REIGN IN THE LIMELIGHT WAS TO PROVIDE A BAFFLING MYSTERY A GENERATION LATER ...

LOLA WAS WINED AND DINED BY THE GILDED ELITE OF THE CITY...

AND BESIEGED WITH NUMEROUS PROPOSALS...

LOLA PREPARED TO LAUNCH A NEW BALLET, CLAD IN A WEIRD COSTUME...

THE NEW BALLET WAS INDEED STARTLING, BUT QUICKLY ENDED WHEN LOLA'S REJECTED SUITOR ROSE IN THE AUDIENCE AND SENT A BULLET INTO THE DANCING FIGURE THAT ENDED HER CAREER AND LIFE ITSELF ...



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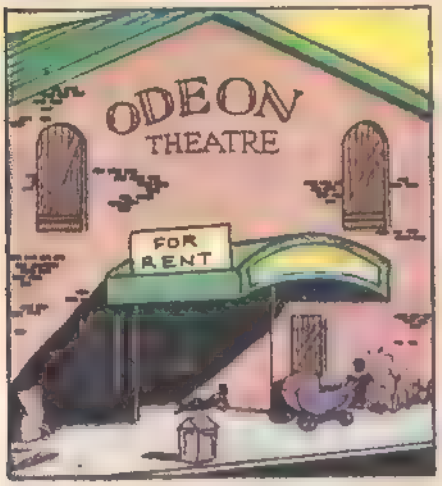
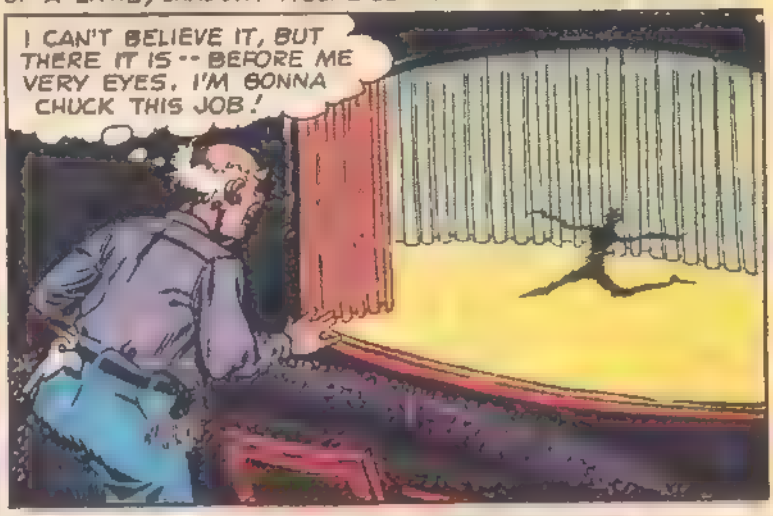
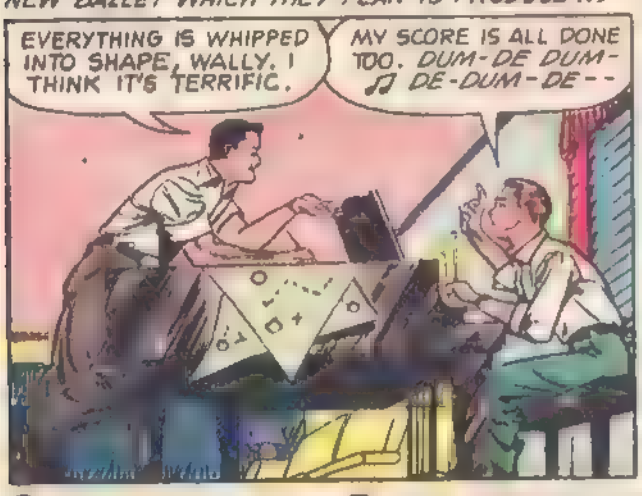
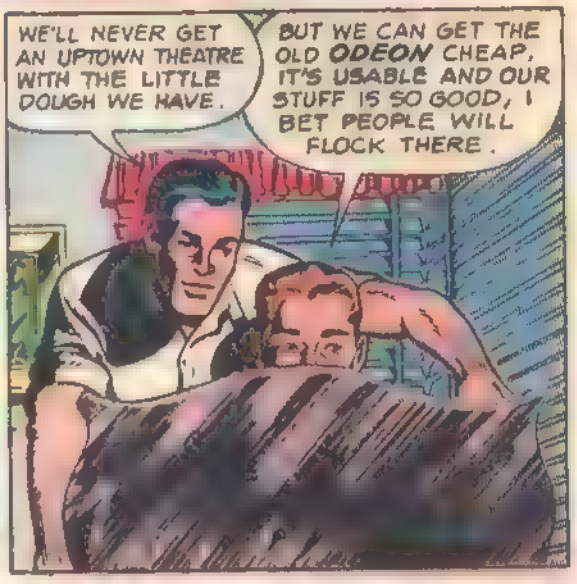


STRANGE TALES BEGAN TO CIRCULATE ABOUT THE OLD PLACE. AS THE YEARS PASSED, MORE THAN ONE WATCHMAN TOLD OF A LITHE, SHADOWY FIGURE LEAPING ACROSS THE STAGE ...



A QUARTER CENTURY HAS ROLLED BY. TWO CLOSE FRIENDS, **TONY MERLIN**, DANCE DIRECTOR, AND **WALLY JABLON**, COMPOSER, ARE WORKING ON A NEW BALLET WHICH THEY PLAN TO PRODUCE ...



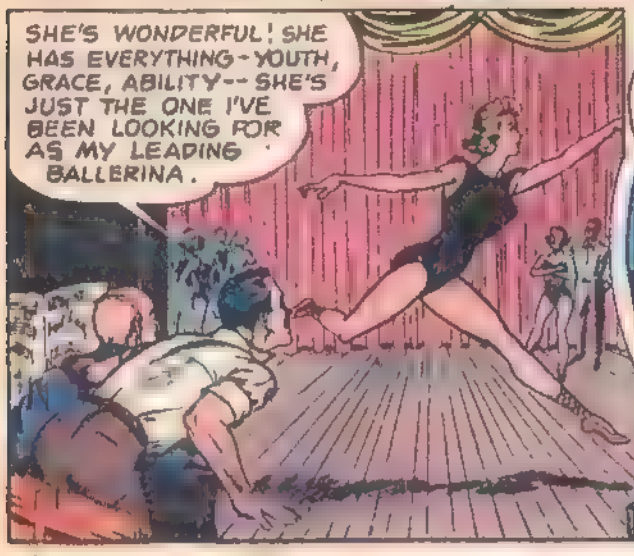


SO THEY MAKE THE DEAL...

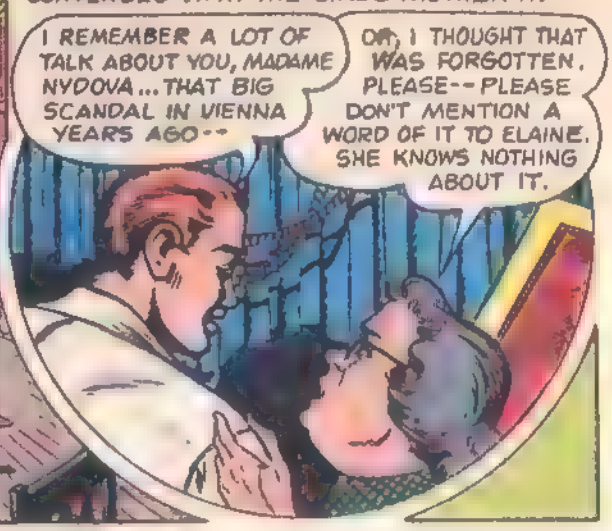
AS THEY ASSEMBLE THEIR TROUPE, TONY IS DISSATISFIED...

THEN HIS WISH IS ANSWERED WHEN A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER SHOW UP...

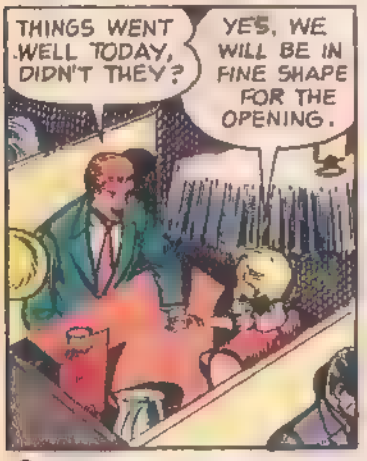
WHEN ELAINE TRIES OUT, TONY IS JUBILANT....



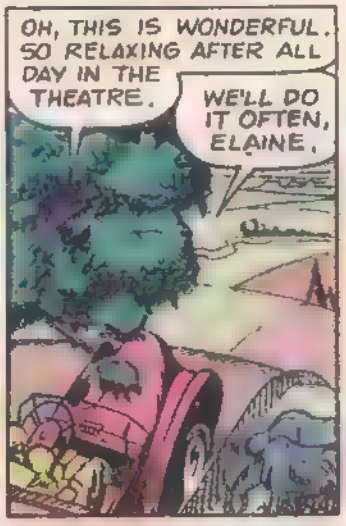
MEANWHILE, IN THE WINGS, WALLY JABLON CONVERSES WITH THE GIRL'S MOTHER...



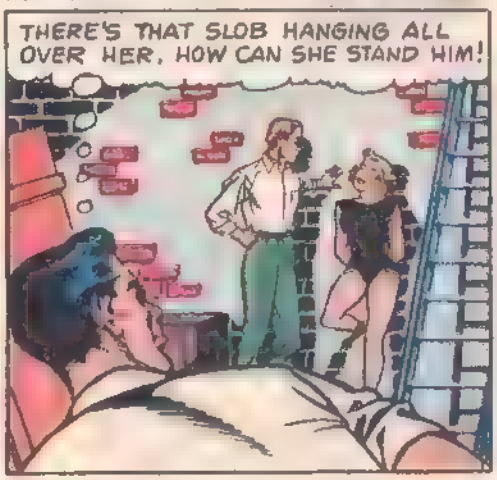
AS THE COMPANY SWINGS INTO REHEARSAL, JABLON FALLS HARD FOR THE GIRL, ELAINE. HE TAKES HER TO DINNER WHEN WORK IS OVER.



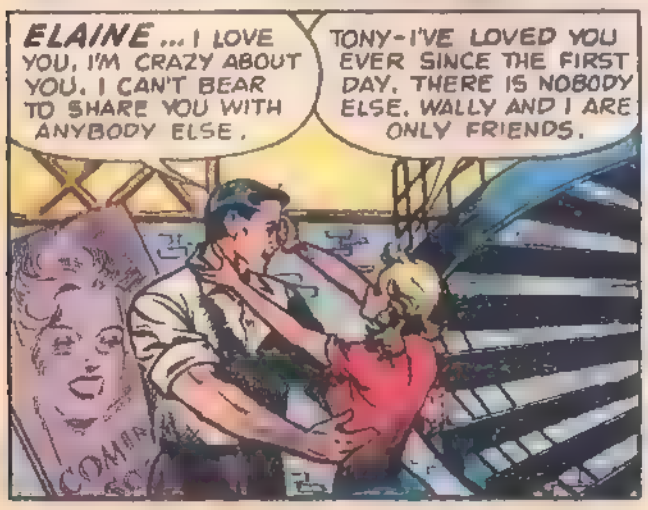
...AND FOR LONG DRIVES INTO THE COUNTRY...



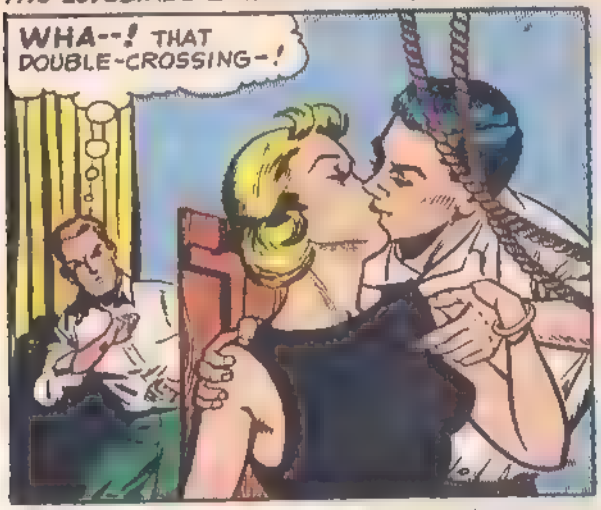
BUT WHEN TONY MERLIN NOTICES HIS PARTNER'S POSSESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE GIRL, HE REALIZES THAT HE IS IN LOVE WITH HER HIMSELF.

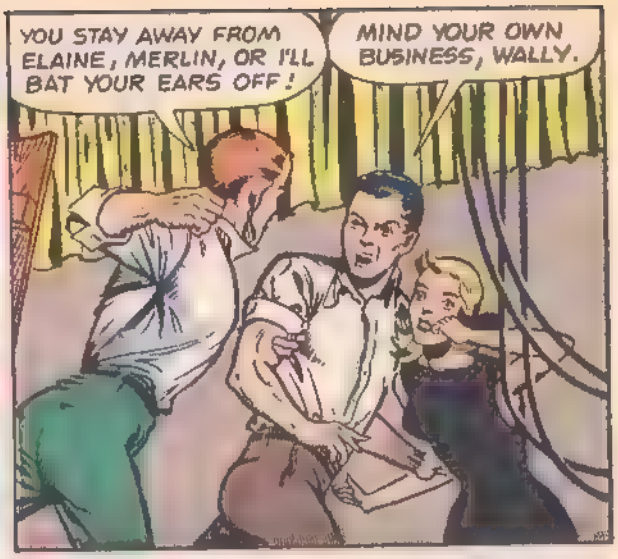


ONE DAY, AFTER REHEARSAL, TONY CAN NO LONGER RESTRAIN HIS FEELINGS. HIS HEART LEAPED WHEN HE HEARD HER REPLY...



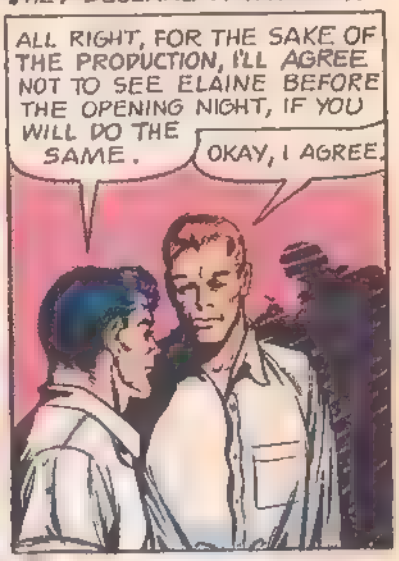
ONE DAY, WALLY JABLON HAPPENS UPON THE TWO LOVEBIRDS EXCHANGING A QUICK KISS...



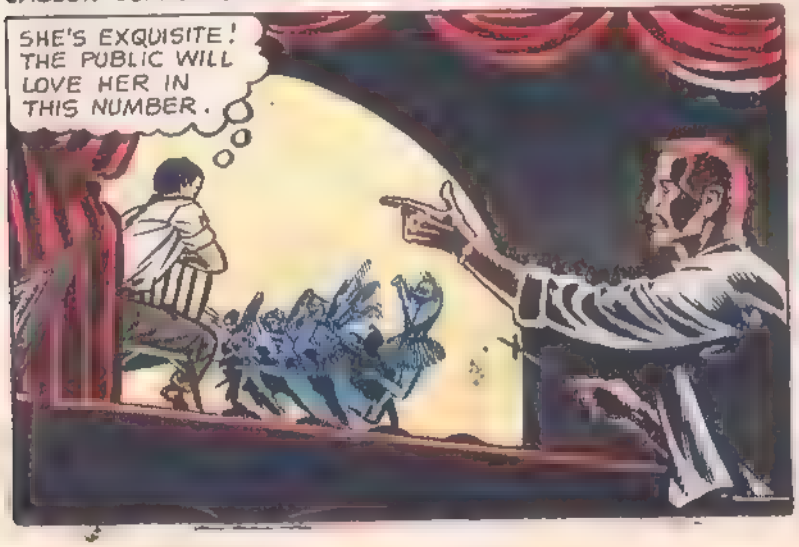


QUICKLY, HOWEVER, THEY ARE PULLED APART AND BOTH MEN QUIET DOWN...

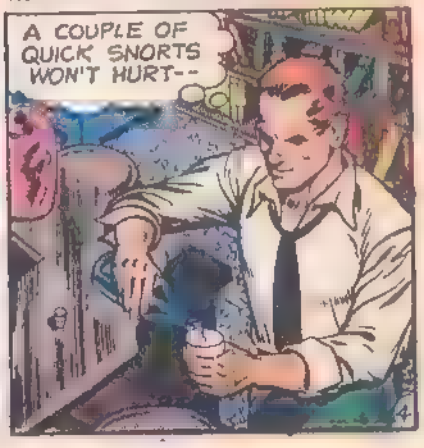
THEY DECLARE A TRUCE...



DRESS REHEARSALS START AND ELAINE DANCES HER PART, CHASING THE OTHER GIRLS IN THE "BUTTERFLY BALLET". JABLON CONDUCTS THE ORCHESTRA AS MERLIN WATCHES...



BUT ON THE AFTERNOON BEFORE OPENING NIGHT, JABLON'S NERVES BEGIN TO CRACK FROM THE LONG, GRUELLING WEEKS OF PREPARATION AND STRESS AND WORRY ABOUT THE SHOW'S RECEPTION. HE STARTS DRINKING...



WALLY SHOWS UP LATER AT ELAINE'S APARTMENT...

LET'S GO FOR A LITTLE DRIVE.

NO! ELAINE SHOULD REST ALL THIS AFTERNOON.

OH YEAH? WELL, I'LL TELL HER ABOUT--

NO! NO!

DON'T UPSET YOURSELF, MOTHER. I'LL GO FOR A SHORT DRIVE. WE WON'T BE LONG.

LATER, AT THE THEATRE, IT IS ALMOST CURTAIN TIME AND TONY IS WORRIED...

NEITHER ELAINE NOR WALLY HAVE SHOWED UP YET. THIS IS TERRIBLE! -AND ON OPENING NIGHT, TOO!

HE FINALLY CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER...

KALMAN, YOU WILL CONDUCT THE ORCHESTRA AND ANITA-YOU'VE BEEN UNDERSTUDYING ELAINE. GET READY TO REPLACE HER IN THE LEADING ROLE.

ON ONE LAST CHANCE, TONY MERLIN GOES TO CALL ELAINE AT THE STAR'S DRESSING ROOM -THE SAME ONE THAT ILL-FATED LOLA USED - HOPING SHE HAD ARRIVED AT THE THEATRE, AND HIS CALL IS REWARDED...

ELAINE! ARE YOU READY? HURRY--CURTAIN'S GOING UP.

I'LL BE RIGHT ON STAGE!

SHE'S HERE! OH, WHAT A RELIEF!

THE BIG OPENING NUMBER STARTS FOR THE GAY "BUTTERFLY BALLET" AND THE GIRLS FLIT ABOUT THE STAGE WITH THEIR WINGS...

THEN THE STAR LEAPS OUT AMONG THEM- BUT INSTEAD OF HER PROPER COSTUME SHE IS DRESSED AS A SKELETON...!!

TONY MERLIN, WATCHING FROM THE WINGS, IS PUZZLED--BUT ALSO SOMEWHAT RELIEVED ...

I WONDER WHY ELAINE CHANGED FROM HER REGULAR COSTUME TO THAT GROTESQUE ONE WITHOUT CONSULTING ME, BUT SHE'S CLEVER --AND THE AUDIENCE IS APPLAUDING LIKE MAD.

AFTER THE NUMBER ENDS, THE DANCING STAR TAKES BOW AFTER BOW...

SHE HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS HIT!

CLAP CLAP

A LITTLE LATER, BACKSTAGE...

I DON'T SEE ELAINE. WHERE'D SHE GO? THAT SWITCH OF COSTUME WAS A STROKE OF GENIUS. I WANT TO THANK HER AND TELL HER I'M PROUD OF HER.

SHE PROBABLY WENT TO HER DRESSING ROOM.

RECEIVING NO ANSWER FROM INSIDE THE STAR'S ROOM, TONY PUSHES OPEN THE DOOR ...

SHE'S NOT IN HERE. LOOK--HERE'S HER SKELETON COSTUME. GOSH, IT'S COVERED WITH DUST!

HE PICKS UP THE GARMENT...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. THIS THING IS LITERALLY CRUMBLING AWAY IN MY HAND. THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE HERE! WHAT'S THAT-?

MR. MERLIN! MR. MERLIN!!

THE STAGE MANAGER BURSTS IN, EXCITEDLY WAVING A PAPER...

WHAT IS IT? HAVE YOU ANY NEWS OF--

YES! PLENTY OF NEWS AND ALL BAD. ALL BAD! HERE-READ THIS!!

AND HE THRUSTS A TELEGRAM UNDER MERLIN'S STARTLED EYES...

WESTERN UNIO TELEGRAM

TWO MEMBERS OF YOUR CAST KILLED IN AUTO CRASH ON TURNPIKE NEAR HERE AT FIVE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON. WIRE INSTRUCTIONS.

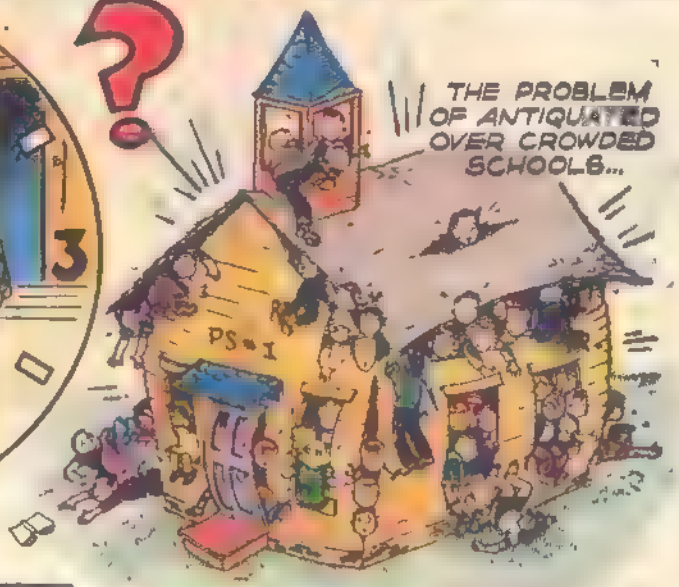
JOHN DEXTER
CHIEF OF POLICE

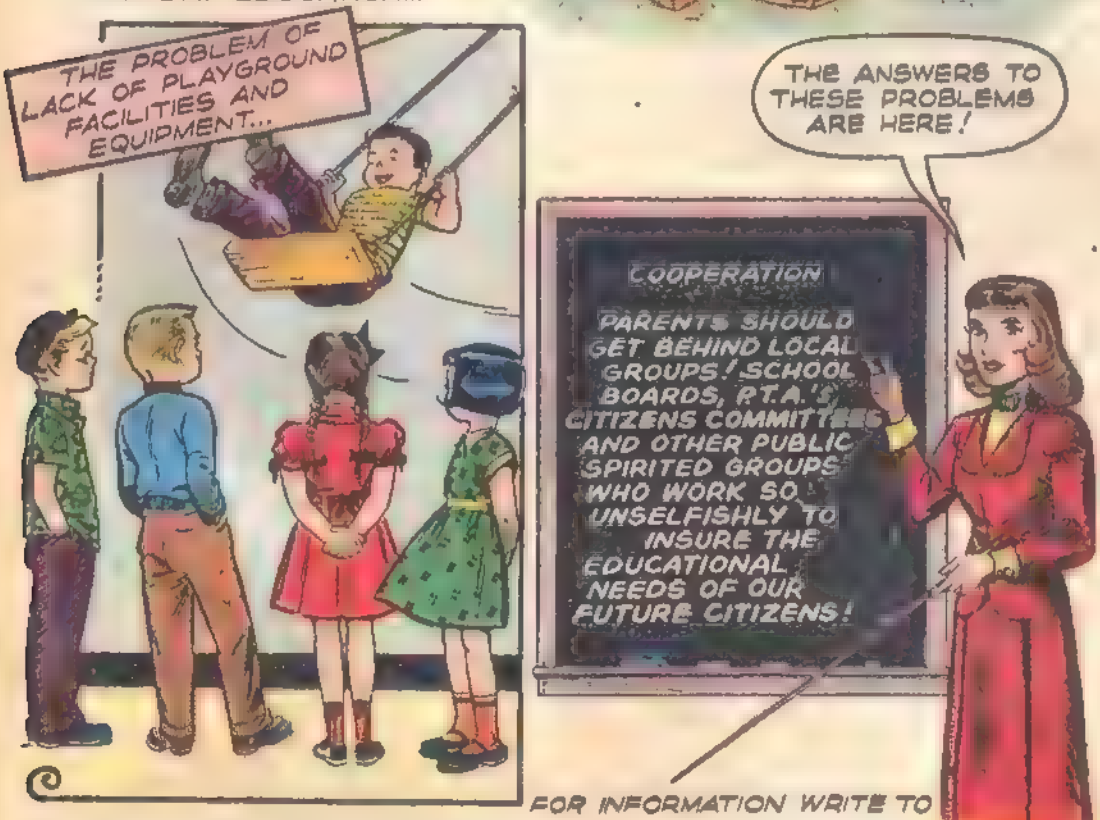
GOOD HEAVENS! ELAINE WAS DEAD FOR MORE THAN THREE HOURS WHEN OUR CURTAIN ROSE TONIGHT. SHE DIDN'T DANCE HER PART IN THE "BUTTERFLY BALLET"--LOLA CORRELL DID INSTEAD--AND SHE'S BEEN DEAD FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS!!

THE END

WHAT'S THE ANSWER TO THESE SCHOOL PROBLEMS

THE PROBLEM OF ONLY HALF-DAY EDUCATION...





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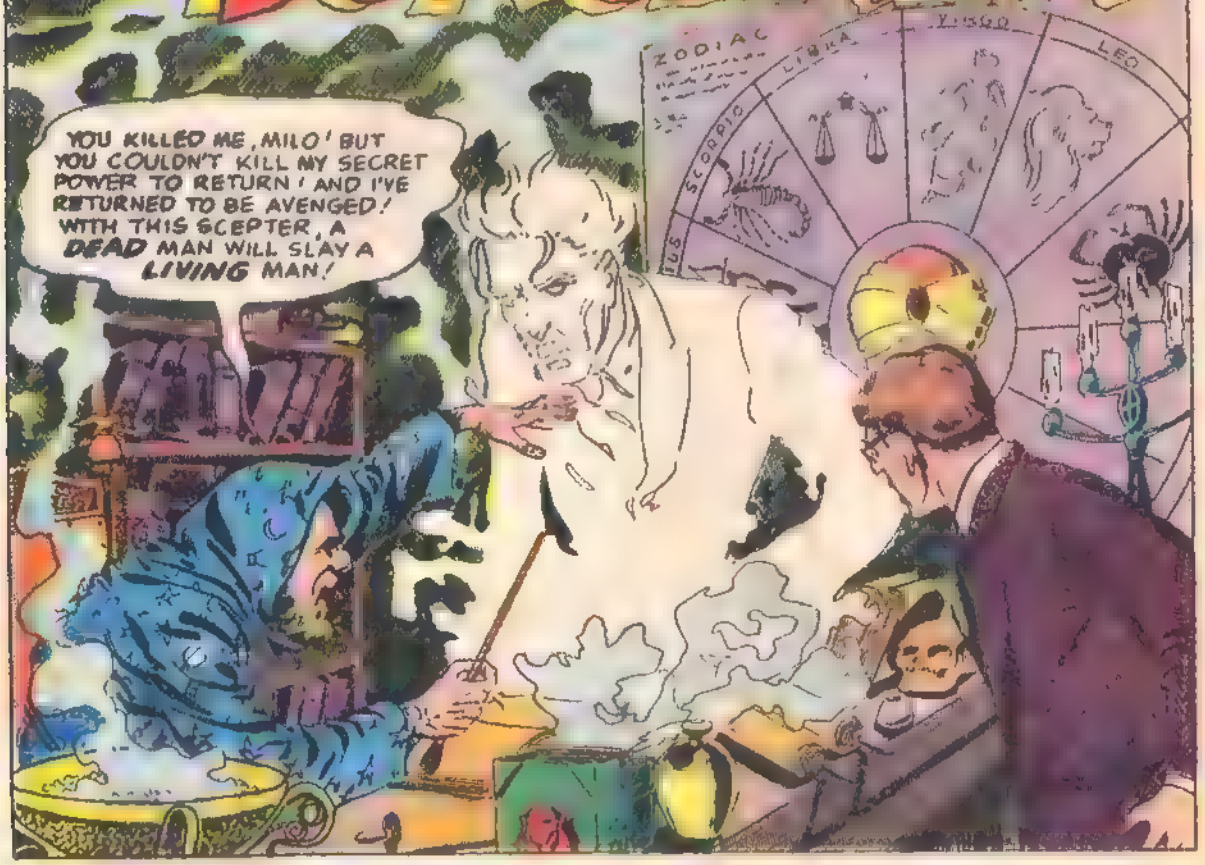
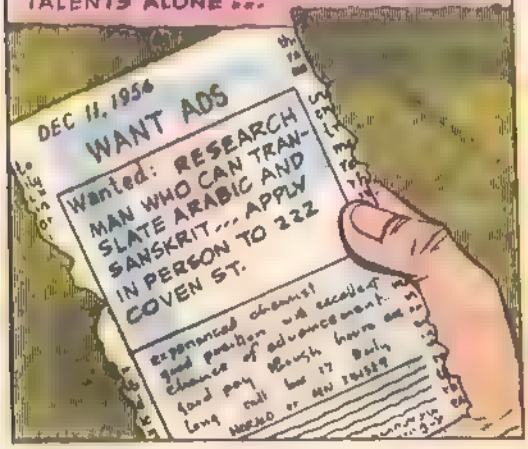
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COMICS MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS...

HE INNOCENTLY ANSWERED AN AD IN THE PAPERS! A LITTLE, WRINKLED OLD MAN IN A MUSTY ROOM FILLED WITH OCCULT BOOKS AND FANTASTIC MAGICAL EQUIPMENT HIRED HIM! BUT HE NEVER DREAMED THAT HE WAS WORKING FOR A DEAD MAN! FOR THE OLD MAN HAD COME FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE, POSSESSING THE BLACK MAGIC POWERS OF ...

The SORCERER



JOHN STERN, BRILLIANT BUT UNEMPLOYED SCHOLAR, GLANCES EXCITEDLY AT THE WANT ADS! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WEEKS, THERE SEEMS TO BE A JOB DESIGNED FOR HIS PECULIAR TALENTS ALONE ...



BEING FAMILIAR WITH BOTH LANGUAGES, JOHN STERN QUICKLY GOES TO THE ADDRESS! THE HOUSE STANDS ALONE AND EVEN THE CASUAL PASSER-BY CANNOT HELP BUT NOTICE HOW THE CHILDREN AT PLAY SEEM TO AVOID THE STRANGE, ISOLATED HOUSE AND HOW ANIMALS WHEN PASSING IT, SLINK BY, UTTERING A FEARFUL WAIL ...

I'VE COME TO APPLY FOR THE JOB.
ENTER, MR STERN!
KNOCK KNOCK
STARTLED AT BEING BECKONED BY HIS NAME BY AN UNSEEN CALLER, JOHN STERN ADVANCES DOWN THE DARKENED CORRIDOR OF THE MUSTY BUILDING INTO A LARGE EERIE ROOM FILLED WITH MAGICAL EQUIPMENT AND SMELLING STRONGLY OF INCENSE..
DO NOT LOOK SO SURPRISED, MR. STERN! TELEPATHY IS ONE OF MY LESSER POWERS! NOW ABOUT THE JOB ...
I'M EXTREMELY FAMILIAR WITH ARABIC AND SANSKRIT, SIR!
THEN TRY TRANSLATING THIS ANCIENT ARABIC SCROLL. WRITTEN BY THE MASTER MAGICIAN OF THE EIGHTH CENTURY, AL-ROUN! MY ARABIC IS NOT PERFECT ENOUGH FOR MY WORK!
"WHEN A SORCERER BE DEAD, DEAD BY A CURSE OR THROUGH THE EVIL WORK OF ANOTHER AND HE SEEKS TO RETURN FROM BEYOND THE VEIL"...
EXCELLENT! YOU HAVE CAUGHT THE GIST OF IT PERFECTLY! NOW TRY THIS SANSKRIT BOOK!
"MIGHTY IS HE WHO CAN CONJURE TO THE LIVING WORLD THE DEAD! MIGHTIER IS HE WHO CAN BRING HIMSELF BACK FROM THE DEAD!"
YOU ARE HIRED, MR. STERN.. IF YOU DON'T OBJECT TO BEING THE ACCESSORY TO A MURDER!
DO NOT WORRY, THIS IS ONE MURDER NO ONE WILL EVER BE ABLE TO CONVICT YOU OF! MY NAME IS AVINCE, WILL YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS AND WORK FOR ME AND STAY HERE? YOU WILL BE WELL PAID.
I'LL TAKE THE JOB, SIR
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS MURDER ROUTINE, BUT I'M SURE IT'S A BLUFF TO TEST ME IN SOME WAY.
AND HERE, MR STERN, WILL BE OUR VICTIM!
DAILY
PREMIER PROCLA
MILO ASTOUNDS DOUBTERS
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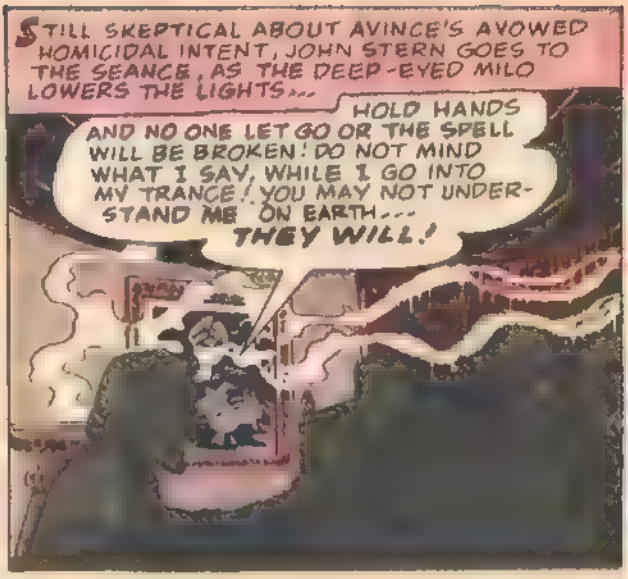
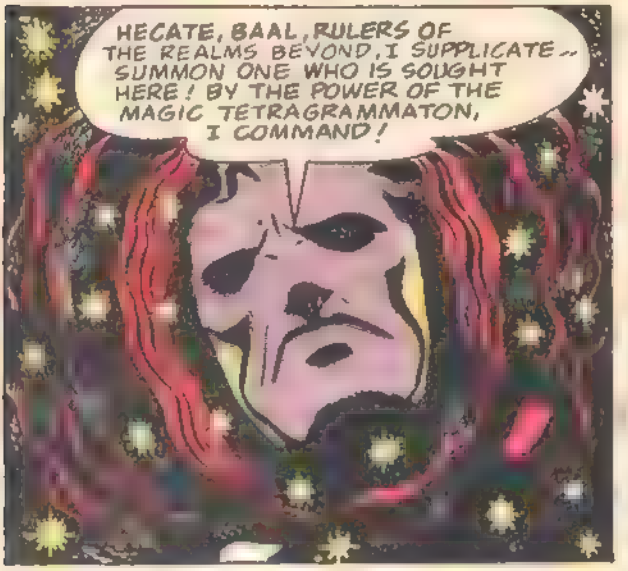
HE CLAIMS TO BE A GREAT MEDIUM. TONIGHT HE HOLDS A SEANCE AT HIS HOUSE! I WILL GIVE YOU THE ADDRESS! YOU WILL GO SO YOU CAN SEE OUR MURDER TARGET!


STILL SKEPTICAL ABOUT AVINCE'S AVOWED HOMICIDAL INTENT, JOHN STERN GOES TO THE SEANCE, AS THE DEEP-EYED MILO LOWERS THE LIGHTS...
HOLD HANDS AND NO ONE LET GO OR THE SPELL WILL BE BROKEN! DO NOT MIND WHAT I SAY, WHILE I GO INTO MY TRANCE! YOU MAY NOT UNDERSTAND ME ON EARTH... THEY WILL!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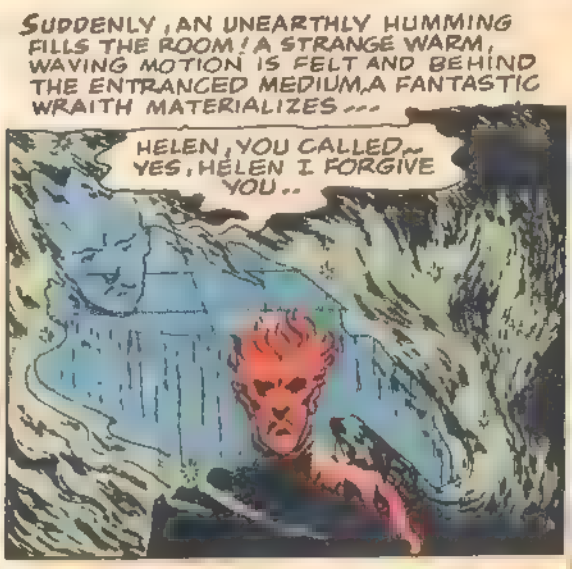
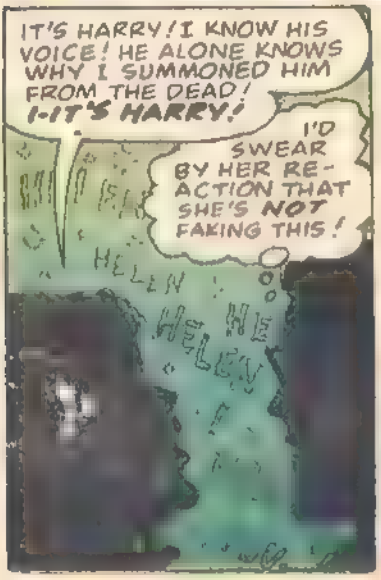

SUDDENLY, AN UNEARTHLY HUMMING FILLS THE ROOM! A STRANGE WARM, WAVING MOTION IS FELT AND BEHIND THE ENTRANCED MEDIUM, A FANTASTIC WRAITH MATERIALIZES...
HELEN, YOU CALLED.. YES, HELEN I FORGIVE YOU..


IT'S HARRY! I KNOW HIS VOICE! HE ALONE KNOWS WHY I SUMMONED HIM FROM THE DEAD! I-IT'S HARRY!
I'D SWEAR BY HER REACTION THAT SHE'S NOT FAKING THIS!
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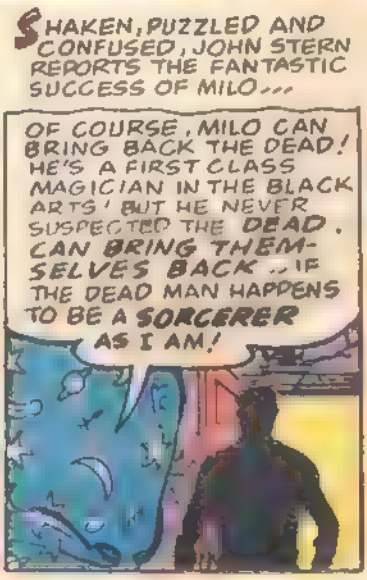
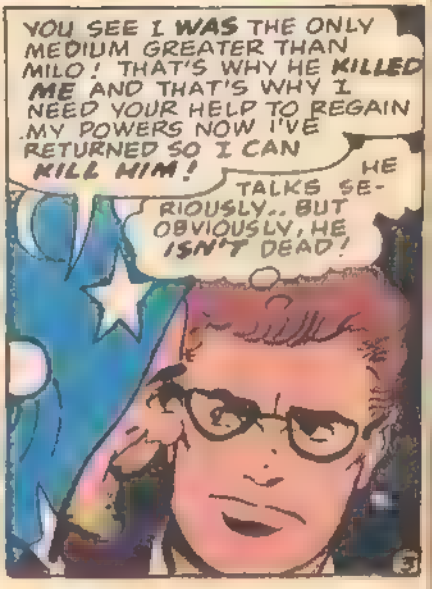

SHAKEN, PUZZLED AND CONFUSED, JOHN STERN REPORTS THE FANTASTIC SUCCESS OF MILO...
OF COURSE, MILO CAN BRING BACK THE DEAD! HE'S A FIRST CLASS MAGICIAN IN THE BLACK ARTS! BUT HE NEVER SUSPECTED THE DEAD CAN BRING THEMSELVES BACK.. IF THE DEAD MAN HAPPENS TO BE A SORCERER AS I AM!


YOU SEE I WAS THE ONLY MEDIUM GREATER THAN MILO! THAT'S WHY HE KILLED ME AND THAT'S WHY I NEED YOUR HELP TO REGAIN MY POWERS NOW I'VE RETURNED SO I CAN KILL HIM!
HE TALKS SERIOUSLY.. BUT OBVIOUSLY, HE ISN'T DEAD!

THE NEXT DAY, JOHN STERN BEGINS HIS ROLE AS TRANSLATOR, AS THE WIZENED OLD MAN HAS HIM FIND PASSAGES THAT BEAR ON ONLY ONE SUBJECT ...

"WHEN THE DEAD SORCERER RETURNS, HIS POWER ON EARTH SHALL BE ENDED! YET IT CAN BE RESTORED! LET HIM BORN THE INCENSE OF MANDRAKE AND NIGHTBANE, WHILE SUMMONING THE DARK ONE! ..."

FROM ARABIC TO SANSKRIT HE GOES IN THE MAD PURSUIT OF FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE ...

"TWO HANDSFUL OF MANDRAKE AND LET THE FIRE BURN BLUE! THEN SPEAK THE ANCIENT PRAYER TO THE DREAD ONE ..."

BOTH SOURCES AGREE! GOOD! NOW TO FOLLOW THEIR DIRECTIONS AND RESTORE MY SORCERER'S POWER!

TO A LOW SING-SONG INCANTATION, AVINCE PLACES INTO THE TRIPOD THE EXOTIC ROOTS AND HERBS, AS THE FLAME BURNS THEM AND THE ROOM BECOMES FILLED WITH A HEAVY, ALMOST SICKENING INCENSE ...

LET THE POWER OF THE LIVING RETURN TO THE DEAD! MAKE AVINCE'S HAND CUNNING! FROM THE NETHER SHADES I'VE COME TO SUMMON THE LIVING SPIRIT OF MILO HERE! ...LET MILO APPEAR!

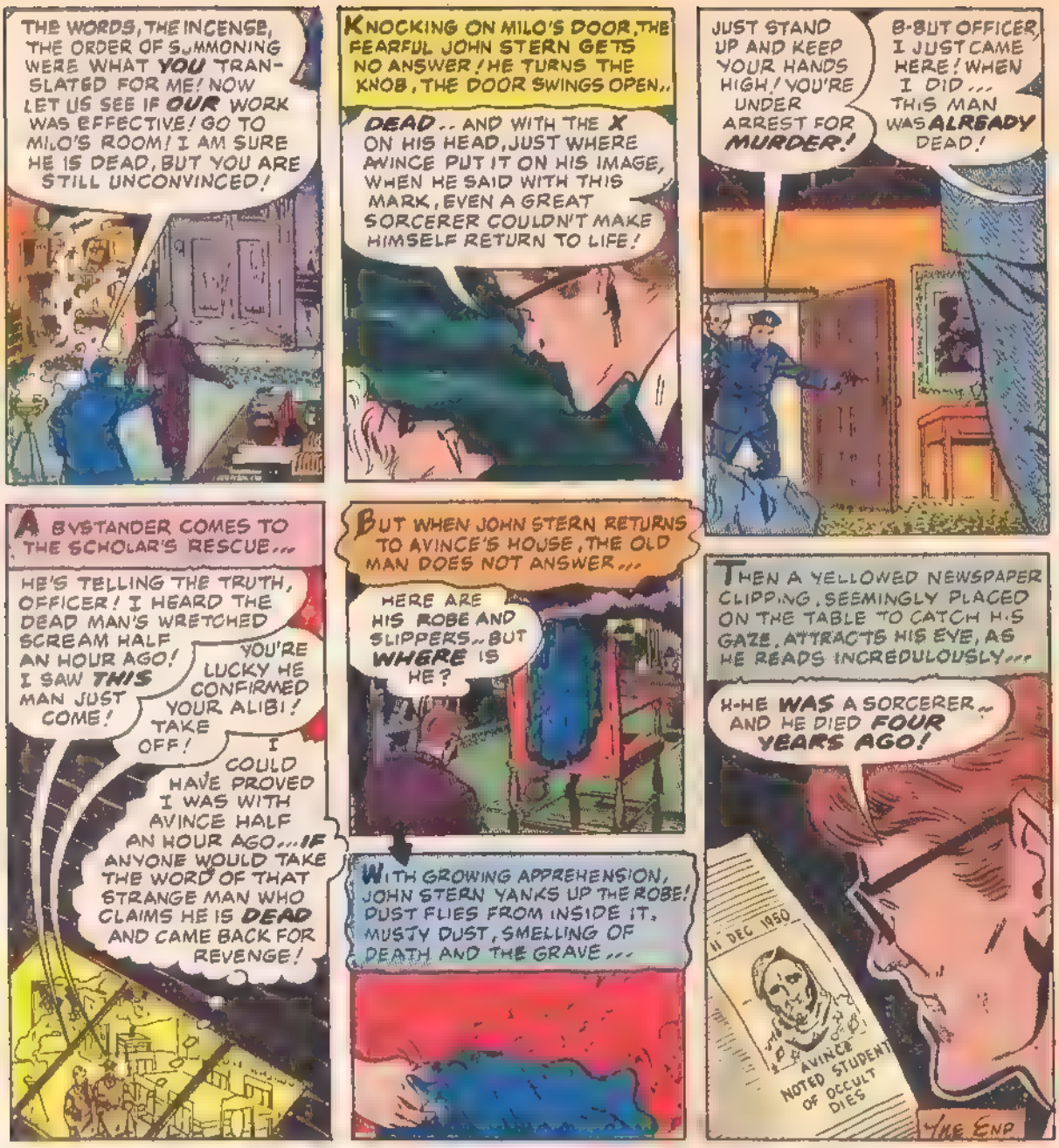
THEN THE BENT OLD MAN MUTTERS A WHISPERED PHRASE OF ALIEN WORDS AND SUDDENLY, HOVERING ABOVE THE INCENSE SMOKE A FANTASTIC FIGURE APPEARS ...

M-MILO!

WHEN I MAKE THIS X UPON YOUR HEAD LET MILO LIVING BE STRUCK DEAD!

MILO'S SLUMPING .. AS IF HE WERE SUDDENLY LIFELESS!

HIS SPIRIT HERE IS DEAD AND AT THIS MOMENT, THE REAL MILO DIES!



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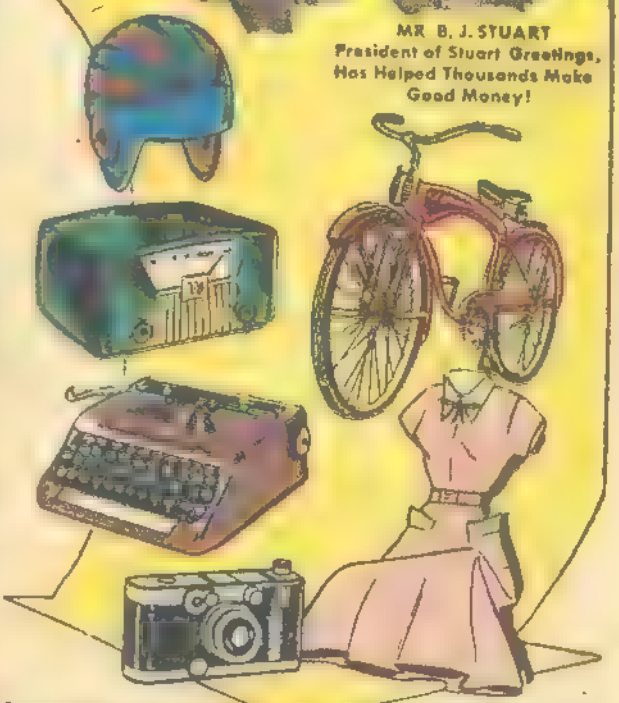

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THE KEY OF REVENGE

AT some time or other, nearly all writers of detective fiction have used the theme of the poisoned needle in their macabre plots. Actually, the poisoned needle trick is as old as the ages in man's malevolent designs upon his fellow humans. However, in the Middle Ages this form of mayhem was carried to fantastic lengths and it remained for a merchant in Venice to utilize and transform the poisoned needle into what was to be the Key of Death.

This merchant's name was Tebaldo and he conducted a business in the thriving city on the Adriatic about the year 1600. He was not a native Venetian, having come from one of the hill towns inland to build fame and fortune in the metropolis of that day. Being a stranger in town, he was not readily received by the circle in which he tried to move and achieve popularity. In the city of canals, in that day, merchants had to be in business quite a time before they were recognized socially. Even then, social coteries were restricted to native Venetians and it was virtually impossible for one from another city, considered a rank foreigner, to break down the ironclad barriers.

Tebaldo was either unaware of this state of affairs, or conceited enough to be disinterested. At any rate, he had an eye for the many beautiful young ladies for whom the great city was renowned and he decided to pay court to one of the prettiest and socially prominent belles. It was probably the shortest courtship in the records of that day. The brash Tebaldo had no sooner met the lady of his choice than he proposed marriage. But she, being already engaged to a young gentleman of high estate, refused him pointblank.

Tebaldo flew into a towering rage, swearing that she would regret her rejection of his offer and that someday she would be glad to marry him. Maddened by the rebuff, Tebaldo retreated to his workshop and labored into the still hours of the night, manufacturing for himself a formidable weapon of vengeance, a large key. The handle on this massive instrument turned easily and disclosed a lithe spring which, when pressed, sent out from the other end of the key a steel needle so fine that it would enter the flesh of the victim and bury itself there without leaving the slightest external trace.

It was a diabolically clever instrument of murder and Tebaldo churned with rancor as he impatiently bided his time and counted the days until the date that was to signalize the marriage of the girl who had so aroused his animosity by jilting him. At last the fateful day arrived, and Tebaldo gleefully contemplated his vengeance.

Those were days of panoply and magnificence; of ornate decorations and brilliant ritual. The bride was from one of the finest families and extremely popular; the groom-to-be was a scion of local royalty. In view of this it was indeed a grand occasion. The streets were cleaned and hung with bunting along the way of the wedding procession. Prelates of the highest rank awaited the happy couple at the church, which was crowded inside and out with relatives, friends and all the spectators who could gain elbow room for the spectacle. But the bride was not the object of Tebaldo's attention; it was the young man of her choice. It was upon him that Tebaldo proposed to wreak his vengeance.

Unperceived, he edged close to the groom as the latter entered the great portal of the church. In the pressing crowd, no one saw what happened, it was so quick. Amid the bustle and excitement, Tebaldo gave a swift turn of his wrist and sent the lethal needle into the young man's chest.

Seized with a sharp pain, the bridegroom collapsed before the nuptials commenced. Obviously in too serious a condition to proceed, he was carried home and the happy ceremonies postponed amid much whispering and conjecture by the assembled populace. The best physicians of Venice were called in but they could do nothing for the victim. In a couple of hours he was dead. What is more, the physicians, wise to all the ills of that day, were completely at a loss to diagnose the strange and sudden illness which had so mysteriously struck down the young man in the prime of life.

The scheming Tebaldo lay low for some time, to let the matter pass over and be somewhat forgotten. Then he felt that the way was again clear for him to renew his suit. He made a formal visit to the palace of the bereaved bride's family and once again asked for the maiden's hand in marriage. Once more he was refused. When he took his departure, Tebaldo's countenance was serene but inside, his black heart was heaving with evil plans for further vengeance. It did not take long to materialize. In a few short days both parents of the girl died suddenly and, oddly, the manner of death was the same which had seized upon their "almost" son-in-law a few months previously. This fact in itself excited considerable suspicion and upon its discovery the physicians agreed to perform autopsies on both the bodies. This time their investigation bore fruit when a small steel needle, tipped with deadly poison, was found in the flesh of both victims! Three mysteries were cleared up. They were all murders.

A wave of panic engulfed Venice. In those days, poison was a frequent medium of vengeance and everybody began thinking of who were his enemies and wondering where death would strike next. People were interested in worrying about their personal welfare. No one thought of connecting Tebaldo with the crimes; apparently his earlier threat to the young lady had been forgotten and the seething excitement that spread over the city passed him by as he went about his business with all the outward show of an honest business man; the acme of respect and propriety.

After the demise of her parents, the distraught damsel sought solace and refuge in a convent on the outskirts of Venice, declaring to all her friends that she would not come out until her period of mourning was concluded. Tebaldo exercised self control with all his might, but then his impetuous soul could stand being without her no longer. He made his way to the convent and spoke earnestly to the guardian at the gate. The suitor was left cooling his heels outside while a consultation within the depths of the building debated the matter of his visit. After a while he got his answer; the young lady agreed to the meeting. After all, she must have thought, an iron door, with a strong grating allowing for conversation and the mere seeing of each other's faces would be between them and she would have no closer contact with this man who had pestered her so lengthily. Once and for all, the girl decided to rid herself of the irritating Tebaldo.

As she approached the gate from the inside, Tebaldo's face lit up with expectation. This time he was sure that success would crown his pleas and that the lady on whom he had inexorably fastened his desires would finally capitulate and give him her hand in marriage. But his spirits soon fell in complete chagrin as through the gate she told him off, venting her spite in language showing her utter disgust and contempt, bidding him never to come near her again. This infuriated Tebaldo to the point of maniacal frenzy. He burst into a furious tirade against her. Alarmed, she drew back, but not before he had touched her with the huge key that he always carried on his belt. In the excitement of the argument she felt nothing at the time. She called the gatekeeper and had the angry man chased off the property.

It was not until after she had returned to her room that she felt a pain in her arm and looking down, she saw a drop of blood and a sudden realization of Tebaldo's secret dawned upon her. She sought immediate help and the good nuns of the convent hastily called in a surgeon.

The girl, remembering the circumstances in the mysterious deaths of her fiance and her parents, directed that he cut into the spot where the blood had appeared. The surgeon did this at once and discovered the needle, which he extracted. Fortunately, the attention given the wound was in time and the girl's life was saved.

The authorities, upon being informed of these happenings, lost no time. They took Tebaldo into custody immediately and made a thorough search of his house and shop. When they discovered the key and examined the diabolic mechanism, the culprit had no recourse but to confess. Justice was swift and shortly the arrogant swain who let his heart rule his head soon found himself dangling from the gallows.

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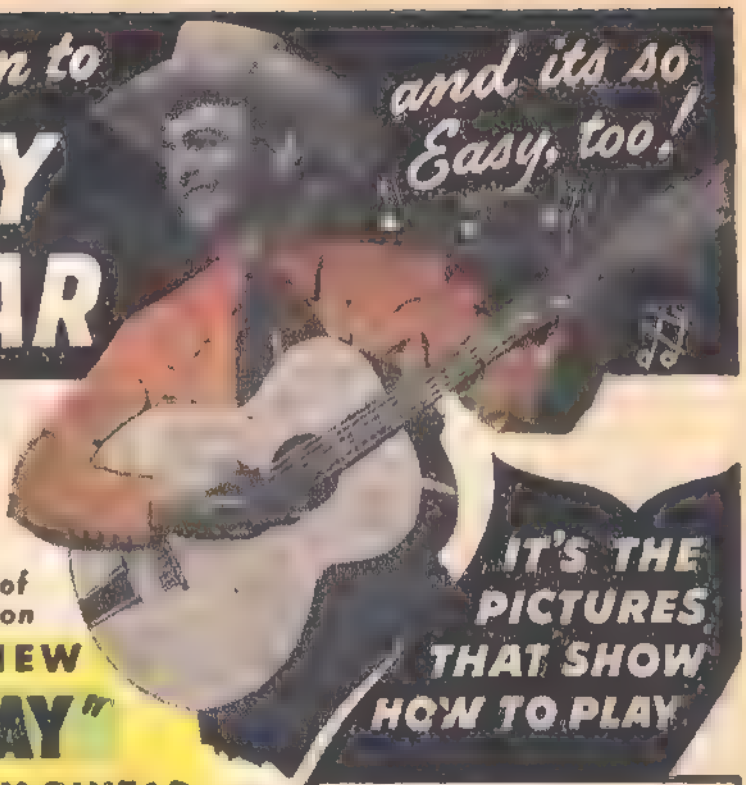

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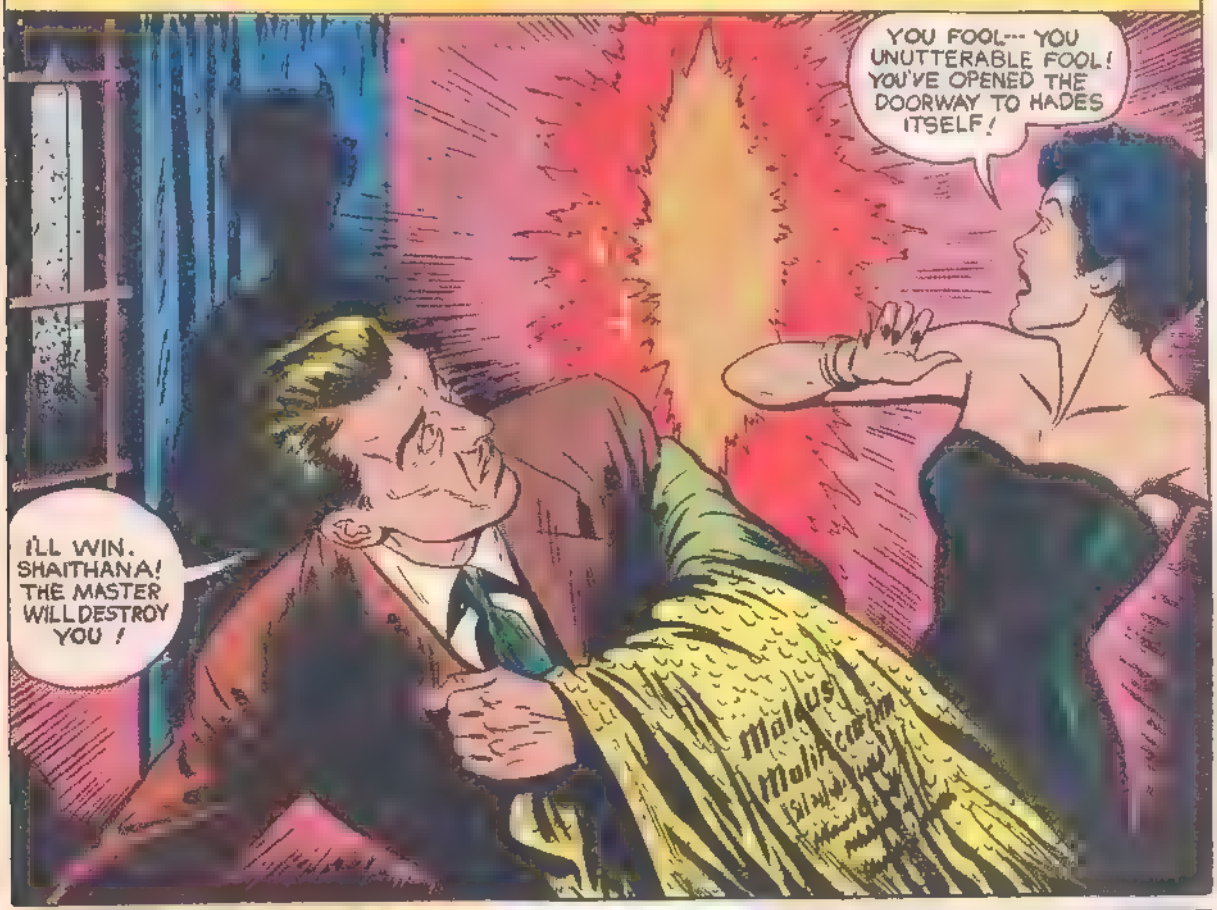
DAUGHTER OF DOOM



THERE IS NOTHING SO WORTHLESS AS A SPY WHO HAS LOST HIS USEFULNESS··· AS HUGO CRAIG LEARNED AT THE GRATZIAN EMBASSY....

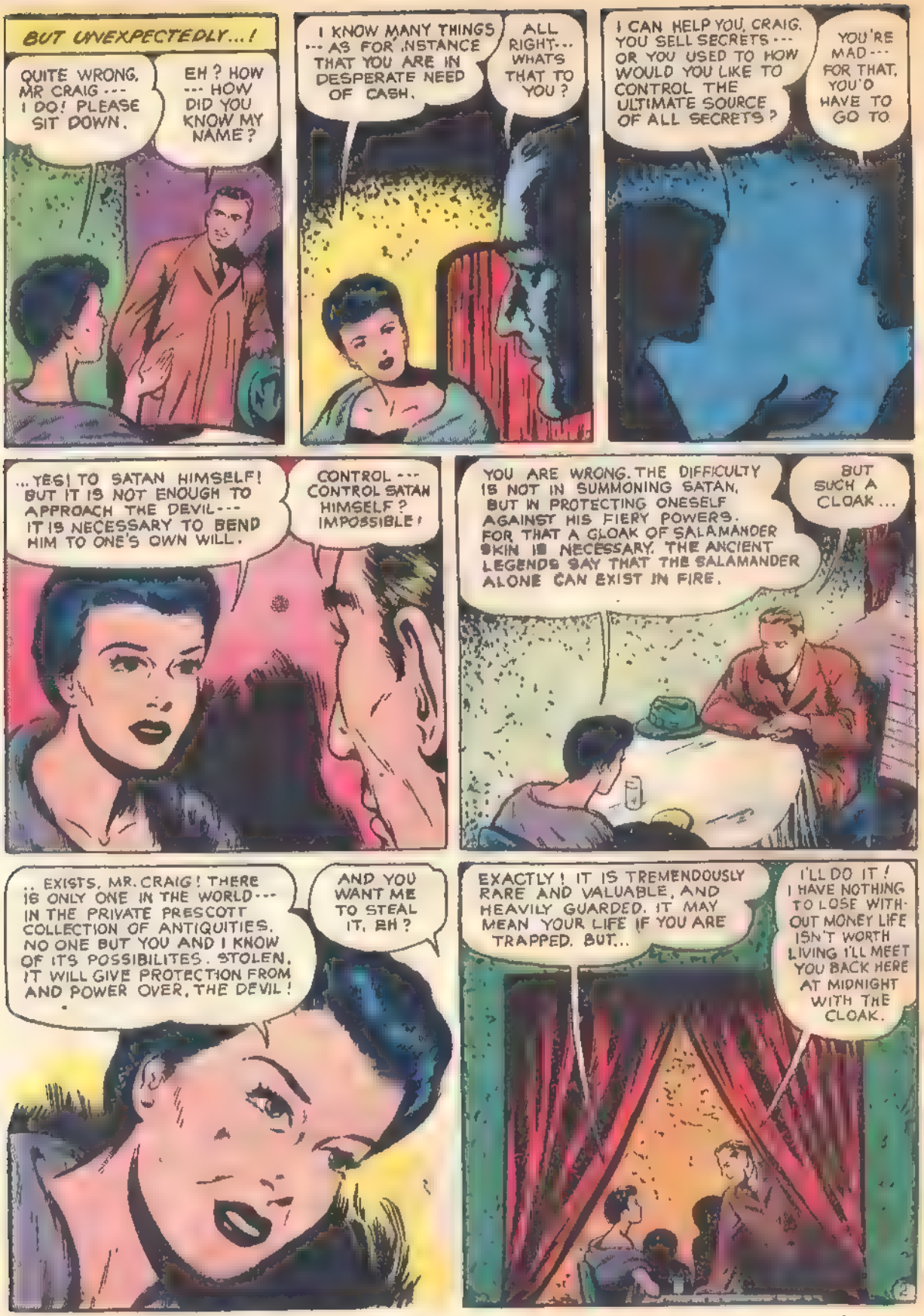
BUT I'M DESPERATE FOR MONEY, COLONEL VACARESKY. ALL I WANT IS AN ADVANCE. I SWEAR I CAN GET THE PAPERS YOU WANT!

DON'T BE A FOOL, CRAIG. YOU'VE SOLD TO ALL SIDES SO LONG AND OFTEN, NOBODY TRUSTS YOU, LEAST OF ALL, GRATZIA. GO HOME, CRAIG --- I WOULDN'T GIVE YOU A··· WHAT DO YOU AMERICANS CALL IT?··· A PLUGGED NICKEL!

A MOMENT LATER, OUTSIDE···

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING FAST--- NO MONEY LEFT--- THEY'LL BOOT ME OUT OF MY HOTEL I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF POVERTY! WHAT I NEED IS A DRINK...

FILTHY PLACE--- BUT AT LEAST, NO ONE KNOWS ME HERE....


BUT UNEXPECTEDLY...!
QUITE WRONG, MR CRAIG --- I DO! PLEASE SIT DOWN.
EH? HOW --- HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?
I KNOW MANY THINGS --- AS FOR INSTANCE THAT YOU ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF CASH.
ALL RIGHT... WHAT'S THAT TO YOU?
I CAN HELP YOU, CRAIG. YOU SELL SECRETS --- OR YOU USED TO. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTROL THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF ALL SECRETS?
YOU'RE MAD --- FOR THAT, YOU'D HAVE TO GO TO
...YES! TO SATAN HIMSELF! BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO APPROACH THE DEVIL --- IT IS NECESSARY TO BEND HIM TO ONE'S OWN WILL.
CONTROL --- CONTROL SATAN HIMSELF? IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU ARE WRONG. THE DIFFICULTY IS NOT IN SUMMONING SATAN, BUT IN PROTECTING ONESELF AGAINST HIS FIERY POWERS. FOR THAT A CLOAK OF SALAMANDER SKIN IS NECESSARY. THE ANCIENT LEGENDS SAY THAT THE SALAMANDER ALONE CAN EXIST IN FIRE.
BUT SUCH A CLOAK...
.. EXISTS, MR. CRAIG! THERE IS ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD --- IN THE PRIVATE PRESCOTT COLLECTION OF ANTIQUITIES. NO ONE BUT YOU AND I KNOW OF ITS POSSIBILITES. STOLEN, IT WILL GIVE PROTECTION FROM AND POWER OVER, THE DEVIL!
AND YOU WANT ME TO STEAL IT, EH?
EXACTLY! IT IS TREMENDOUSLY RARE AND VALUABLE, AND HEAVILY GUARDED. IT MAY MEAN YOUR LIFE IF YOU ARE TRAPPED. BUT...
I'LL DO IT! I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE WITHOUT MONEY LIFE ISN'T WORTH LIVING. I'LL MEET YOU BACK HERE AT MIDNIGHT WITH THE CLOAK.

MINUTES LATER, IN A CAB...
THE OLD PRESCOTT MANSION, DRIVER.
RIGHT, SIR.
GLOOMY OLD PILE--- OUGHT TO BE EASY TO BREAK INTO, THOUGH--- SHE SAID THE CLOAK WAS ON THE SECOND FLOOR---GETTING OUT MAY BE TOUGHER MUCH TOUGHER.
NOT A LIGHT SHOWING--- SHE SAID THE PLACE WOULD BE HEAVILY GUARDED--- IF ANYBODY IS IN THERE I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SPOT THEM!
OLD MAN PRESCOTT CERTAINLY DIDN'T WASTE DOUGH ON MODERN ALARM SYSTEMS---WHY THE PLACE IS A CINCH!
A MOMENT LATER, CRAIG HAS RIPPED THE ALARM WIRES LOOSE...!
THE GUARD!--- WELL, I GOT PAST HIM--- OUGHT TO BE CLEAR SAILING HEAR ON IN!
THE SALAMANDER CLOAK---SHE WAS RIGHT! AND THERE--- THERE'S AN INSCRIPTION ON IT!
BLAST HER--- SHE NEVER MENTIONED THE INSCRIPTION! SHE WAS LYING TO ME--- SHE KNEW THE CLOAK WOULD BE USELESS EXCEPT TO HER WITHOUT KNOWING HOW TO INVOKE SATAN. BUT NOW I KNOW EH...?

ABRUPTLY, CRAIG WHIRLS TO DANGER!
FOOTSTEPS... GOOD LORD--- A GUARD!
OKAY, BUDDY--- REACH!
GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE --- FAST
OHHHH...
BUT ON THE WAY DOWNSTAIRS!
WHY, YOU... DROP THAT GUN!
AND MINUTES LATER...
NO MONEY--- GOT TO GET ENOUGH TO BRIBE SOME DOCTOR TO TAKE CARE OF THIS SHOULDER, KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT. ONLY CHANCE I'VE GOT IS THE RED EMBASSY. I'LL TELL THEM I CAN GET ANY AMERICAN SECRET THEY WANT--- AND I CAN, THIS TIME, WITH THE HELP OF THE CLOAK--- AND SATAN!
HALF AN HOUR LATER --- AT THE RED EMBASSY!
YOU WISH TO SEE SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY ON--- AH--- INFORMATION? UNFORTUNATELY, THE AMBASSADOR IS AWAY ON LEAVE. BUT--- YES, I KNOW COMRADE S COULD HELP YOU. COME THIS WAY, MR. CRAIG!
THANK YOU, BUT--- BUT HURRY!
YOU CAN GO IN. I--- I THINK COMRADE S IS EXPECTING YOU!
EXPECTING ME? BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

COME IN, MR. CRAIG. IT IS A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU --- THOUGH I HAD EXPECTED TO MEET YOU AT MIDNIGHT, AN HOUR AGO!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND --- YOU'RE A WOMAN--- BUT YOU CAN'T---YOU COULDN'T BE...
YES, MR. CRAIG--- I AM COMRADE S, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE FOR THE RED EMBASSY, NOW GIVE ME THE SALAMANDER CLOAK!
GIVE ME THE CLOAK --- OR SHALL I RING FOR HELP TO TEAR IT FROM YOU?
YOU--- YOU ARE COMRADE S. BUT--- BUT---YOU KNEW WHO I WAS AT THE CAFE--- YOU KNEW I NEEDED MONEY--- YOU KNEW I WAS DESPERATE--- YOU KNEW THINGS ABOUT ME ONLY I COULD HAVE KNOWN --- WHY?--- HOW--- HOW--- HOW?
HOW? I TOLD YOU I KNEW MANY THINGS, DID I NOT?..
YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE A DEVIL TO KNOW ALL YOU DO KNOW. YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE--- GOOD LORD, NO----!
YOU ARE WARM. AS THEY SAY, MR. CRAIG! HA! HA! VERY WARM. VERY CLOSE TO THE TRUTH. BUT I AM NOT THE DEVIL. NO, I AM SHAITHANA, DAUGHTER OF THE DEVIL HIMSELF!
SHAITHANA --- COMRADE S--- THE DEVIL'S SPAWN!
I ESCAPED FROM MY FATHER, PLANNING TO CARVE OUT AN EMPIRE FOR MYSELF HERE ON EARTH, AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO START THAN TO ALLY MYSELF WITH THE REDS? MY POWERS HAVE MADE ME VALUABLE TO THEM--- THOUGH THEY DO NOT KNOW YET WHO I AM. BUT THEY SHALL SOON--- WHEN I USE THE CLOAK. THEN THE WHOLE WORLD SHALL KNOW SHAITHANA AND ACKNOWLEDGE HER RULE....
BY MEANS OF THE CLOAK I SHALL FORCE MY FATHER SATAN TO GIVE VICTORY TO RED ARMS! NOW GIVE ME THE CLOAK, CRAIG--- YOU ARE WOUNDED--- YOU CANNOT RESIST!
I'LL SEE YOU BACK IN HELL FIRST
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I'LL KILL YOU SHAITHANA--- WHA---!
YOU ARE HELPLESS AGAINST THE POWER OF SHAITHANA, CRAIG!
YOU HAVENT WON YET, SHAITHANA. I KNOW THE SECRET OF SUMMONING YOUR FATHER --- THE INSCRIPTION ON THE BACK OF THE CLOAK!
NO --- NO --- YOU FOOL! PUT IT DOWN, YOU'LL KILL US BOTH ON EARTH! I AM AS MORTAL AS YOU ARE. PUT IT DOWN, CRAIG!
MALEUS MALIFICARUM SHAITHANAS MORTAS MUNDI SPIRITUOS DILENDA....
THE FLAMES! THE FLAMES! CRAIG, DON'T OPEN THE DOORWAY TO HELL!
NO! NO! CALL BACK THE SPELL! HE WILL DESTROY US --- THE BUILDING WILL BURN WITH ALL THE SECRETS I HAD STOLEN THUS FAR FROM AMERICA....
THE CLOAK! THE CLOAK --- GIVE IT TO ME! I AM BURNING! THE FLAMES WILL DEVOUR ME!
IT IS MINE, YOU SHE-DEVIL!
AND THEN --- SATAN SPEAKS
TOO LATE, MY DAUGHTER, FOR YOU AND THIS MAN --- AND THE SALAMANDER CLOAK! LONG HAVE I SOUGHT IT AND NOW, THROUGH HIS SUMMONS I HAVE FOUND IT. NO LONGER SHALL ANY HUMAN HAVE POWER OVER SATAN! COME! BOTH OF YOU SHALL BURN FOREVER!
THE DEVIL --- SATAN HIMSELF --- YOU SAW HIM! BUT THEY TAUGHT US HE DID NOT EXIST!
THEY LIED, FOR THEY ARE DEVILS THEMSELVES! EVIL EXISTS FOREVER --- AIIEEEEEE!
AFLAME WITH THE FIRES OF HELL, THE RED EMBASSY CRASHES TO RUIN, CARRYING WITH IT ITS STOLEN SECRETS AND ITS EVIL, PLOTTING CREW OF SPIES!
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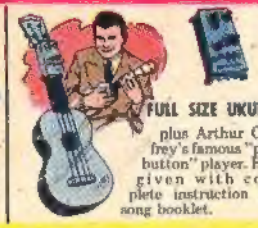

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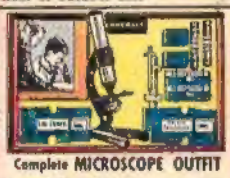

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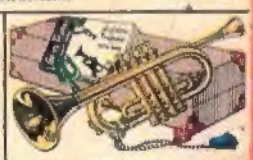

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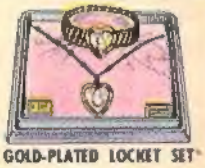

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